## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Albazz et al. § Group Art Unit: 3621

Serial No.: 09/827,431 § Examiner: Elisca, Pierre E.

For: System and Method For Generating a Contract and Conducting Contractual

Activities Under the Contract

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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0461. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0461.

In response to the Office Action of January 3, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.